

# OTTAWA JEWISH BULLETIN & REVIEW



UJA National

## Walk-A-Thon

Sunday, May 29

*Walk, Ride, Jog*

Starting Point:

Mooney's Bay

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

(Joggers start at 10:30 a.m.)

*Get your sponsor forms early.*

# WE WALK AS ONE

### New Route, New Categories

The Walk-a-Thon Committee has announced the plans for a new route for the United Jewish Appeal's '77 Walk-a-Thon. Walkers will start on Sunday, May 29 from Mooney's Bay, through Hog's Back Park alongside the Rideau River, through Vincent Massey Park until Hurdman's Bridge, cross through the area of Ottawa South to reach the Colonel-By Drive and then head back along the Canal towards Mooney's Bay over the Hog's Back Bridge and Rideau Falls thus ending up where they started. The Walk-a-Thon will involve as little contact with city streets as possible at the same time as it provides a more scenic, leisurely stroll through Ottawa's parklands.

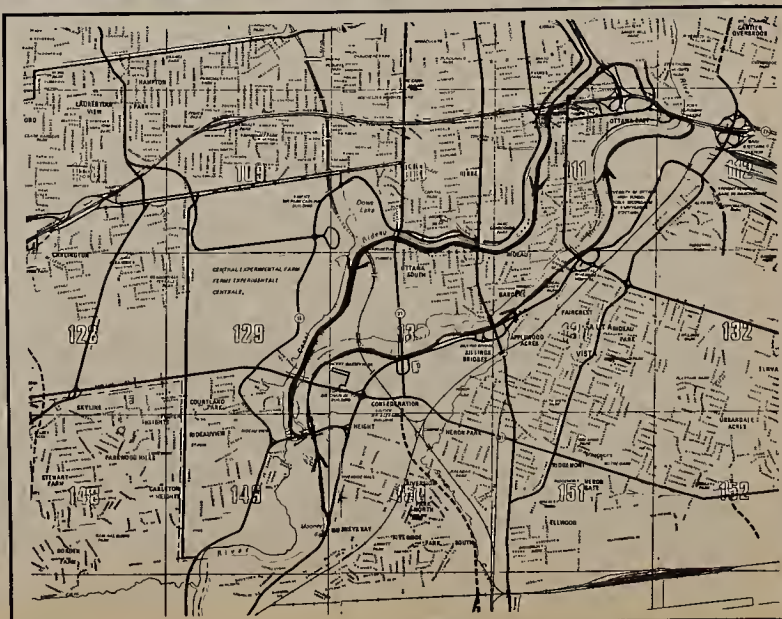
Sponsor sheets are available at all synagogues and the Jewish Community Centre. Everyone participating should be sponsored by as many people as they possibly can obtain on their sponsor sheets. The Committee will provide picnicking facilities and games for families at Mooney's Bay finishing area. Entertainment will also be provided with Jerusalem as the theme, since May 29 has been

designated Jerusalem Day in Canada.

The Walk-a-Thon Committee needs as many people as possible from the community to serve as Marshalls, registration and refreshment people along the route, and volunteers in various capacities. Communal support is the essence of a successful Walk-a-Thon and the organizers hope to top the \$16,000 raised by the 400 participants of the 76 event.

This year there will be a special biking and jogging route added which will follow the walkers' route but will be extended to include the Western Parkway for the more adventurous on bikes.

T-shirts will be issued to every participant, whether they walk, ride, jog or serve in the necessary administrative positions throughout the day to ensure the smooth running of Ottawa's important and enjoyable fundraising Jewish Community Walk-a-Thon. Anyone who would like to volunteer is asked to call Larry Harris at 232-7306.





# Vaad Report

by David Loeb

President, Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir  
(Jewish Community Council)



## Israel's Anniversary Observance

At least 700 to 800 people, many of them homeowners, took part in the Ottawa observance of the 29th Anniversary of Israel's Independence on Thursday evening, April 21. It was a family affair, starting in the late afternoon and it was good to see so many fathers, mothers and children present. A holiday atmosphere prevailed and everyone very quickly got into the spirit of the evening. I was pleased that the entire Jewish Community Centre building was used for the program. The planners had taken all age groups into account and there was literally something for everyone to do.

I wish to thank Mrs. Bertha Palmer, Chairman of our Women's Committee and the members of her planning group, notably Bernard Shinder for an impressive effort. Larry and Ella Harris, who assumed staff responsibility for the Observance deserve commendation for their part in the success of the evening.

I had the privilege of participating in the opening ceremonies at Congregation Beth Shalom, together with His Excellency Mordechai Shalev, the Ambassador of Israel to Canada, Rabbi Reuven P. Bulka, Cantor Kraus, and Bertha and Abe Palmer. My remarks follow:

"Last Sunday, we met as a community at Young Israel to observe Yom Hashoah, the Holocaust Memorial Day. It was a sober, moving occasion in which we recalled the martyrdom of the six million and the heroism of those who stood up against their Nazi oppressors.

Out of the ashes of that nightmare, the State of Israel was born, with its promise of redemption and an end to homelessness, part of that promise has been fulfilled. Jews have been gathered from the four corners of the earth; industry and science flourish; the land is green and the desert has been made to bloom. Miracles have been wrought in 29 years, but not without pain, struggle and great sacrifice. Unfortunately the end is not yet in sight. The Israelis must therefore continue to fight for freedom and independence on all fronts with all the resources they can muster. They are in the front lines but we too must do our share since in the final analysis, we are one people with one destiny. Entebbe was not just a moment in time, nor a day in the calendar. Entebbe was a concept for life — for at Entebbe, we saw Jewish destiny in Jewish hands. Jews in Israel have their responsibility, we, in Ottawa, have ours. Together we share in the continuing story of Jewish survival. If they win, we win. If they lost, I shudder to think of the consequences.

Tonight, in addition to the celebration of Yom Ha'Atzmaut, the Jewish Community of Ottawa formally launches its 1977 campaign under the general chairmanship of Mr. Alfred Friedman, who is in this audience and whose presence I am pleased to acknowledge. Mr. Friedman and his associates who number almost 500 volunteers, are already embarked on the solicitation phase of their campaign. There are many new innovations this year which have paid dividends. There is a new mood afoot in the community and a determination that once and for all, we will reach the goal of \$2,400,000, which is the absolute minimum we need to operate our local agencies here in Ottawa, to provide national services in Canada and to fund health and welfare services in Israel so that their budget can be utilized for the security and defence of the young state.

We have had a wonderful response so far. Perseverance, initiative and personal example have paid off. Of the 400 contributions received so far, over 90 per cent show an increase over 1976. That is the kind of performance which must be registered if we are to show our solidarity with the people of Israel and our faith in the future survival of Jewish life everywhere in the world. When the time comes, I urge you to do your fair share.

On the occasion of the 29th anniversary, Mr. Ambassador, I ask you to convey to the Government and to the people of Israel, the warm regards of this community and its pledge of continued support. Thank you."

### Walkathon organizers finalize plans

The final event of this year's United Jewish Appeal Campaign is the Annual Community Walk-a-Thon, to be held on Sunday, May 29. The organizers have informed me of their new route which will start and end at the Mooney's Bay area. I understand that the additional categories of joggers and bicycle riders will enable greater communal participation than in previous years. Emphasis is being placed on family participation and I hope that as many people in our community support this annual event as were present for the Independence Day festivities.

## ADVANCE NOTICE

of the Annual General Meeting  
of the Jewish Community  
Council of Ottawa

Monday, June 27, at 7:30 p.m.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE  
151 Chapel St., Ottawa

Anyone 18 years of age or over and a contributor to the United Jewish Appeal is eligible to attend and vote.

# UJA Progress Chart

	no. of cards	as of 1976	1977	increase	%
GENERAL CAMPAIGN	285	825,727	927,127	101,400	12.3%
PUBLIC SERVICE	115	25,457	36,244	10,787	42.4%
WOMEN'S DIVISION	225	45,783	54,741	8,958	19.6%
TOTAL	1,275	896,967	1,018,112	121,145	13.5%

Figures are based on returns as of Friday, April 28.

## NCJW Show Mon., May 9

National Council of Jewish Women, Ottawa section are finalizing arrangements for their twentieth Canadian Art auction and sale to be held May 9 in the ballroom of the Skyline Hotel under the distinguished patronage of Their Excellencies Governor-General and Madame Jules Léger. Since 1957 when the idea of a Canadian Art Show was first put forth by Paye Loeb and eagerly accepted by local Council members, many popular artists such as A. Y. Jackson, Alfred Pellon, Jack de Tonnancour, Henri Masson, Stanley Cosgrove, and Carl Schaeffer have lent their support. In subsequent years the Annual Art Show has become a prestigious event for the many fine artists and sculptors. This year there will be more than 70 artists and sculptors represented in a display of 150 paintings and 29 pieces of sculpture. Of those participating, 31 will be associated with the Art Show for the first time.

This year's Twentieth Anniversary Art Auction and Sale may be previewed from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 9. Prebidding will be allowed. Viewing will begin at 7:00 p.m. after which the show will be officially opened by Mrs. Cyril Reitman of Montreal, the National President of the National Council of Jewish Women. Brian Smith will be Master of Ceremonies and will preside over the balloting, following which His Worship Mayor Lorry Greenberg will begin the auction. The auctioneers are William and Peter Walker. Chairman of this year's Auction and Sale is Merida Sachs. Several door prizes will be awarded during the evening including a \$250 watercolour by David Schlus and a \$25 Dinner Voucher for the Mill Restaurant. A William Winter painting will also be raffled.

Admission is \$3.00 per person at the door.

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# Israel's Rising Exports Give Brighter Economic Outlook for '78

Israel's exports in the first two months of 1977 rose by 29.5 per cent, continuing the substantial gains made last year when its exports increased by more than 26 per cent over 1975 and helped to reduce its balance of payments deficit by 20 per cent. It should also be noted that last year, Israel's exports to the United States increased by 34 per cent over 1975.

The rise in exports in 1976 exceeded national planning goals by 70 per cent. Based on these results and those recorded in January and February of this year, Israel now anticipates a long-range continuation of this positive economic trend, according to a report prepared by the office of the Economic Minister of Israel to the United States and Canada.

Other gains made during January-February, 1977, include a 36.7 per cent increase in industrial exports, a 45 per cent rise in the export of diamonds, and a 27 per cent hike in non-citrus agricultural

exports. The rise in exports reflects a definite improvement in the economic situation which is being aided by the proceeds from Israel Bonds.

In 1976 overall industrial exports rose by 28 per cent, non-citrus agricultural exports increased by 55 per cent, and diamond exports went up 30 per cent. The leading export sector was the metal, machinery and electronics industries which showed a gain of more than 50 per cent over 1975. This signifies a restructuring of Israel's industrial production in favour of high-technology goods.

Narrowing the balance of payments gap was Israel's top priority last year. In order to achieve significant improvement in this area in 1976, Israel had to trade off this progress for a relatively high rate of inflation. In 1977, however, the Government expects the rate of inflation to drop substantially.

Among the factors which will

help reduce inflation this year are: no further increases in the 8 per cent value added tax introduced in July 1976; a slowdown in the devaluation of the Israeli pound; and no additional reductions in subsidies for basic food commodities. During the first two months of 1977, prices rose by only 0.7 per cent, indicating a favourable turnaround in the inflation rate.

The Israel Government's long-term goal for the next ten years is to increase annual exports by 14 per cent, mainly of industrial goods. The largest export increase is expected to be in the metal, machinery and electronics fields, with an anticipated average annual rate of growth in exports of 20 per cent. Israel also expects a 15.5 per cent annual rise in exports for chemicals, rubber and plastics. Projections indicate there will be a slower increase in diamond exports to about 10.5 per cent annually.



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## The People-to-People Reality

What degree of affinity have the Arabs of strife-torn Lebanon, of the West Bank or of Gaza with the polemics of the Palestine National Council, the PLO's major legislative body.

The Political Declaration of the PNC, passed on March 20, reaffirmed the PLO's basic objective of the destruction of Israel. Among the 15 points of the Declaration, as reported by the Middle East News Agency (Cairo), are to be found such statements as:

"3. The PLO will strive to escalate the armed struggle in the occupied land . . ."

and "10. The PNC affirms the PLO's right to exercise its struggle . . . through any Arab land for the sake of liberating the occupied areas . . ."

Gideon Weigert, author of the soon-to-be-published *My Life with the Palestinian Arabs*, has spent much of the past 44 years in Israel, in close personal contact with Arab friends and has conducted studies into their economic, social and cultural problems. As reported in the *Israel Digest* of April 8, 1977, Mr. Weigert is personally "convinced that, given a fair chance of moderation and good will on both sides, peaceful co-existence through the recognition of mutual rights and duties is possible between Israelis and their Arab

neighbours."

Although no people likes occupation, there is a growing attitude, quite apart from the PLO's propaganda, which proclaims itself in more positive voices, as in that of the prominent Palestinian writer, Mohammad Abu Shilbaya who declares:

"Our own state, which we wish to establish in full recognition of Israel, is not in need of an army or tanks. All our people are an army of workers and peasants, working in factories and fields, building schools and hospitals. We do not wish to erect our own state on the ruins of others; we believe that our security will not come from the liquidation of Israel . . . Israel has the full right to self determination and a life of peace and security in recognized borders . . ."

Clearly, there are some voices of reason among the Palestinians, particularly those who have had close relations with Israel. However, the question remains: Has the PLO changed its position on Israel? From its own resolutions, the answer is a thunderous "NO!" Therefore, until circumstances change, Israel must maintain its policy towards the PLO while, at the same time, encouraging those moderate voices in the Arab world calling for accommodation.

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# Soviet Jewry Communiqué

## What is Going On in the Soviet Union?

The ominous events of the past six months in the Soviet Union present a clear and horrifying message. They point to a campaign of official Soviet anti-Semitism unmatched since the Stalin era.

October 1976

A number of Soviet Jewish refuseniks go to the Supreme Soviet intending to come back each day until they are told the reasons for their refusal and to ask when they can expect to receive exit visas.

On the second day of their visit 12 Jews are taken forcibly from the building, herded into a bus and taken to a forest about 40 miles from Moscow.

There they are beaten by plainclothesmen who further abuse them by calling them vile anti-Semitic names.

In an effort to halt the visits to the Supreme Soviet about 30 Jews are placed under 15 day house arrests.

December 1976

For many months, 13 Soviet Jews openly and publicly declare their intention to hold a Symposium on Jewish Culture in December in Moscow. Experts from around the world are invited to participate in the Symposium which, under the terms of the Helsinki agreements, can legally be held.

On December 21 — the opening day of the Symposium — all 13 organizers are placed under house arrest. None of the invited guests is

in attendance — the Soviet Government does not grant any entry visas.

January 1977

The Soviet Union notifies the Universal Postal Union that "the importation into the USSR of alimentary doughs and products of flour converted into bread in any postal item whatsoever is forbidden into the Soviet Union."

This ban preventing Matzah from being sent to Jews in the Soviet Union is put into effect virtually on the eve of Passover after private assurances from Soviet officials that Matzah packages will be permitted entry.

January 22, 1977

"Traders of Souls" a vicious anti-Semitic film is shown on prime-time Soviet national T.V. The film depicts Soviet Jewish activists as "soldiers of Zionism inside the Soviet Union" and accuses them of being part of a "Western based anti-Soviet conspiracy." It displays the pictures of several activists, giving their names, addresses and telephone numbers. One of those shown is Josef Begun.

Soviet officials proclaiming overwhelming public enthusiasm for the film show it a second time in March.

March 1977

March 1 - Josef Begun and Benjamin Fain attempt to deliver to the U.S. Embassy in Moscow an account of the aborted Symposium on Jewish Culture. They are

arrested in the presence of an American official who is told that "These men are dangerous criminals." They are released after several hours.

March 3 - Josef Begun is arrested. He has been in prison since awaiting charges.

March 4 - The Soviet Government newspaper Izvestia accuses three Jewish activists of being agents for the American Central Intelligence Agency. One of those accused in the article of espionage is Anatoly Sharansky.

Shortly after the appearance of the article, Anatoly Sharansky is picked up by Security Police and is now in the infamous Lefortova Prison awaiting charges. Espionage is punishable by death or a severe prison term under Soviet Law.

### You Now Know the Facts

These are two measures which can be taken to protest the "pogrom-like atmosphere" under which our sisters and brothers in the Soviet Union are living.

1. Write your Member of Parliament immediately. Advise him of the situation, tell of your concern and ask for his support in the House of Commons.

2. Send letters to the Soviet Ambassador to Canada. Ask him why his government has embarked on this anti-Semitic campaign.

Alexander N. Yakovelev, Ambassador of the USSR, 285 Charlotte Street, Ottawa, Ontario. K1N 8L5.



Succot being described by Ellen Asherman from the Bima, while Bonnie Gerber shows the way in which a Succah is built. Rabbi Gerber and Jay Browns are seated at Ellen's right. Anne and Mark Dover are seated behind the Chanukah table.

## Interfaith Eve at Temple

On Tuesday, April 19, Temple Israel Sisterhood sponsored a "Getting Acquainted with Jewish Festivals" program for the general Ottawa community. Over two hundred people attended, including representatives from the clergy and teachers from Ottawa school boards. The convener of this very successful evening was Mrs. Steven Leikin, ably assisted by her committee.

The purpose of this program was to convey the warmth of the Jewish people, their feelings of family love and integrity, and the strong sense of community, caring, and sharing that we possess. It was strongly felt that a program of this nature would foster better

understanding and consideration of Jewish tradition within the Ottawa community.

The highlight of the evening was a dramatic narration read by Mrs. Stephen Asherman, which described the major festivals and holy days. Four of these; Shabbat, Succot, Passover, and Chanukah were demonstrated by tables representing the typical home celebration. Rabbi Donald Gerber explained the symbols of the synagogue, including the Torah, the Mazuzot, and the Talit.

Due to the enthusiastic response, Temple Israel Sisterhood has already begun planning future presentations along these lines.

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# Jewish Community Centre Spotlights



## Reflections

by  
Jerry Melman

Executive Director, JCC

### Don't Give Up on Us Baby . . . We Can Still Come Through

Familiar words of the popular tune these days. Nevertheless, it expresses my sentiments exactly. Over the past 7 months, our staff and our Board have been tooling up for making your Centre a terrific place for your family. Our programmatic scope has increased, and we have seen an increase in membership and in participation from the community. We have restructured and refined our governing processes. We have hired additional staff, and this coming June will launch a membership campaign for 1,000 family members.

Our job is immense in trying to convince the Ottawa Jewish community-at-large that this Centre is unique and vital to the ongoing existence of a vibrant Jewish community. Let's look at what we have begun over the past few months.

1. We have received a grant for the establishment of an older adult services program;
2. We have completed a working relationship with BBYO youth groups;
3. We have worked closely with single parents and other Jewish single groups in the community;
4. We have completed negotiations to renovate a kitchen facility;
5. We have sought and established the beginning negotiations with the young men's Jewish softball league;
6. We have acquired a day camp site for this summer's use for our children;
7. We house many Jewish communal organizations and will, in the near future, bring into the building the Jewish Information Service and the Service to the Jewish Elderly under the auspices of the Vaad.

The Centre provided the basis around which the community celebrates Jewish Book Month, Israeli Independence Day, the Walkathon, and many other cultural events.

So, as the song goes: "Don't Give Up On Us, Baby — We are worth one more try".

## The Phys Ed Box

by Ron Boro

Director, Phys. Ed.  
Department



### Thoughts on Winning and Competition

There are many examples of kids turning off sports, but why does this happen? Let's take an example. Little Johnny wants to play baseball, but the only way he can play is if he makes the team. So, off Johnny goes with his glove to the tryouts. The final day comes to pick the team, and Johnny does not get picked. The coach will probably say to Johnny those famous words: "Sorry, John, you're just not good enough". Many adults cannot deal with that kind of situation. The child thinks of himself as a loser. Statistics show he will consider giving up baseball and, if this happens with other sports, you get adults who are afraid to come into the gym or play a sport. This example is all too prevalent in our sporting society. We want our kids to play on a competitive team instead of looking for non-competitive teams — where winning is not the ultimate but learning the skills so that we can carry them over into adulthood.

Another example of this would be if the kid makes the team and is put into all kinds of pressure situations which he is unable to handle. I have seen parents yell, swear, torment youngsters so many times because they have done something wrong. This situation also lends itself to kids dropping out of sport. If you look at most sports, the base is always a large one, but, as the kids get older, the numbers drop.

We should teach kids skills in a variety of sports at a young age, not only team sports but individual sports. If the kids enjoy and learn, they will keep it up in adulthood.

We could play the same games with less pressure if winning was not the major emphasis of the competition.

## June Is Membership Month at JCC



Steven Victor

Irving Rivers, President of the Jewish Community Centre, announced that Steve Victor has been selected to head up 1977-78 membership campaign for the Jewish Community Centre. Mr. Victor serves on the Board of Directors of the Centre. He is Chairman of the Centre's Day Camp Committee and is a partner in the law firm of Kimmel, Tavel, Victor and Ages.

Upon accepting the chairmanship, Mr. Victor has set a goal of 1,000 family members for the coming year. Under his chairmanship, a large committee of volunteers will be organized, and the entire Jewish community will be contacted personally about Centre's membership.

The month of June has been designated as Centre's Membership Month.

## Golden Age Activities

May 9  
For Mother's Day — Cantor Deutsch will entertain the Golden Age Club.

May 16  
Tulip trip affiliated with the Senior Citizens' Park and Recreation.

May 23  
Woman speaker about Israel.

ADULT SOCCER  
SUNDAY AFTERNOON  
3:30 P.M., MAY 22

If you are interested, register Physical Education Department. This will be completely recreational.

## Guidebook

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## Youth Corner

by Michael Wolfe

Youth Services Co-ordinator

### J.C.C. Day Camp Acquires Country Site

On behalf of the Camping Services Committee, Stephen Victor is proud to announce that the Jewish Community Centre has accepted the generous offer of 100 acres of land just beyond the green belt on Highway 31 to be used on a programmatic basis for this summer's camp programs. Both the Day Camp and the Sports Camps will make use of this added dimension to its already comprehensive programs. The focus of activities at this location will be nature studies, hiking, and outdoor education. Playing fields, shelters, water and sanitation facilities are being prepared at this time for use at the site.

Do not hesitate to register. Deadline is June 1. For information call Michael Wolfe at 232-7306.



Michael Wolfe, Camp Director, on newly acquired camp site.

## Day Camp Jobs

Senior counsellors, male or female, minimum requirements: completion of grade 12. Good salaries, call camp office at 232-7306.

Music, Drama specialist for Day Camp; experience with music and drama in a camp environment preferred. Call camp office for application.

## The Sunday Children's Playhouse PRESENTS

### "Stick With Molasses"

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Sunday, May 15, 2:00 p.m.

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## Part-time youth staff needed for fall:

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One tween worker to work with children from about 10 - 13 years of age in recreational and social programs. Ten-hour work week, good salaries, excellent experience.

For both these positions, call Michael Wolfe at 232-7306. Jobs start in September 1977 and last until May 1978.





## Jewish Community Centre Spotlights



This new logo is our "seal of identification" with a major movement — one that is involved with the quality of Jewish life . . . worldwide.

This seal is a symbol of service to the Jewish community both here and abroad.

Your Centre is staffed with qualified personnel

Your Centre is administered by officers and Board members deeply devoted to the best functioning of the JCC in accordance with its essential Jewish and community objectives.

Your Centre's membership is open to the entire Jewish community regardless of religious, cultural or social differences.

Your Centre has suitable facilities for conducting programs for people of all ages.

Your Centre's constitution and program conform with the JWB Statement of Principles on Jewish Community Centre Purposes.

Your Centre receives community support from the Jewish Federation and or United Way.

In short, this seal identifies your Centre both as a quality agency of service to your Jewish community and as part of an international movement.

### Enrol in Soccer League Now

We still have room for 10 boys in our Junior Soccer League. If you are interested, please contact the Physical Education Department.

There are 25 boys already enrolled. If you are in grades 3 - 5, we would like to see you.

### Women's Baseball League Forming

The league is being formed. If you have not contacted Jay Feldman or Debbie Cowan, do not hesitate. We need your support.

## Ottawa Jewish Single Parents Have Active Calendar of Events

On Tuesday, May 3, Ottawa Jewish Single Parents were addressed at the JCC by Sandy Ages on "Assertiveness and the Single Parent".

Ms. Ages, M.A. in Psychology, works at the Centre for Behaviour Therapy and Assessment on Carling Avenue.

She stressed that there is a distinction between assertiveness and aggression, the latter involving the manipulation of one individual by another and the infringement of another's rights. She stated that aggressive people usually get what they go after but often at the expense of another individual. Assertiveness on the other hand teaches people how to be open, honest and direct in any and all communications between individuals, knowing your own rights as an individual (to express your own opinion, your own emotions for example) and to respect the rights of others.

She felt that Single Parents in particular need to learn assertiveness so that they can first of all teach themselves and then their

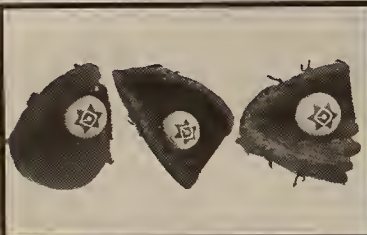
children how best to cope in Single Parent families. Ms. Ages said that particularly the women who comprise Single Parents, and the majority are women, have been instilled with a sense of their femininity as passiveness,

acquiescence and compliance with the other partner's rights.

The Centre for Behaviour Therapy conducts assertive groups for adults, adolescents and women's groups. For information call 728-5837.



Ottawa Jewish Single Parents recent visit to the Sugar Bush. In the above photo from left to right — Libby Lightstone, Tom Kemeny, Sophie Wapniarski and Sam Lightstone.



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# Ottawa Celebrates Israel's 29th Birthday

Message from President Ephraim Katzir

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The twenty-ninth year of Israel's independence coincided with a period of tensions, uncertainties and problems throughout the Free World. Israel has not been spared its own specific difficulties in international relations, border security, terrorist attack and conspiracy.

In Israel reaction to terrorism assumed a new dimension. Last July's Entebbe rescue raid underlined the role that courage, determination and organization can play in combatting one of the most insidious phenomena in contemporary life. The true, the basic quality of Israel had expressed itself. Nor was such expression confined to the fight against terrorism. There has been many a quiet victory in the fields of science and industry, technology, education and medicine, community organization, art and culture. Furthermore, Israel's twenty-ninth year was marked by the expression of humane feelings

at a point where only isolation and hostility had prevailed. During the tragic civil struggle in Lebanon, Israel's Good Fence on the northern border has brought to the Lebanese South healing for many hundreds of citizens, economic exchange, and even employment. It is our cherished hope and desire that this experiment in neighbourliness may expand and flourish and serve as an example for other Good Fences. Certainly it is proof that relationships need not remain petrified and that underlying forces of reason and good will and mutual need may in the long run make themselves felt and exert pressure for change.

Other objectives have been at least partially achieved: the decrease in Israel's negative

balance of payments due to a growth in exports; the marked strengthening of the country's military defences; the new spurt of settlement in many regions of the Land; the clear advances towards greater social integration and equality.

Thus a nobler future is slowly being forged, despite enormous external obstacles and lamentable shortcomings. Some glimpses of what we hope will be one of the characteristic aspects of future Israel-Diaspora relationships were granted us this last year in Israel.

We remember with gratification large groups and conventions from virtually every free centre of Jewish population. In all of these, there is, we trust, promise of even

greater future cooperation in the development of the Land, the intensification of Jewish Education and of the spiritual and intellectual links binding us.

We note, too, a distinct rise in Aliya from a number of threatened and disturbed Jewish communities on various continents. A very precious reservoir of talent and energy is being tapped here as continues to be in the case of dedicated Russian olim. Sadly, the need for the life-line between Israel and Russian Jewry has been re-emphasized by the intensification of virulent anti-Semitic propaganda within the Soviet Union today.

We rejoice in the tenth anniversary of Jerusalem's

reunification that has restored to us the scenes and relics of the biblical past which is the root of our being. We rejoice in all that has been done to fill united Jerusalem with beauty, thriving life, institutions of health, human welfare, education and art; to bring all the sectors of its population to understanding and cooperation.

We pray, all of us, for the peace of Jerusalem, for peace in the Land and in the world, and we trust that in these great aspirations we will have the understanding and support of the democratic countries.

The Psalmist centuries ago spoke for our time,

"בונה ירושלים ה"

"נדחי ישראל יכנסו..."

praising the Lord who builds up Jerusalem and gathers together the dispersed of Israel;

"וּשְׁמֵהּ יִבְנוּ שְׁלֹמֹה"

and gives the borders peace.



Part of the Colour Guard carrying Canadian flags, preparing to open the festivities.



Chalav U'Dvasb entertaining as part of the ongoing program.

More than 900 people gathered at the Jewish Community Centre on Thursday, April 21, to mark Israel Independence Day. There was something for every-



Bertha Palmer, Chairman of the Women's Committee addresses the audience.

one from a dignified official opening to an Israeli discotheque. The event was sponsored by the Women's Committee of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir.



Lack of seating for the capacity crowd didn't deter these enthusiastic participants.



The Israeli Disco was a popular feature.





## One Rabbi's Response

by

Rabbi Roy D. Tanenbaum

### Question:

A local organization wanted to book a musical affair following Pesach. One synagogue said it was prohibited; another (Orthodox) gave permission. Why?

### Answer:

This question was first asked two years ago. Because of it, the Rabbinical Board of Ottawa established a unified sefira policy. Recently, because new rabbis came to town who were unaware that there was a community procedure, the question was raised again. The community policy has now been reestablished, but let me explain.

There are forty-nine days between Pesach and Shavuoth. Thirty-three days are days of semi-mourning (no weddings, dancing or celebrating with music). The problem is that the Talmud is not explicit in stating which thirty-three of the forty-nine are the mourning days. Consequently, in the Diaspora, various customs developed.

Since North American Jewry is comprised of immigrants from various lands, there developed a situation where each synagogue had its own practice, and as a result many simply made the whole period of forty-nine days as a time of semi-mourning. Halachically, this is a needless stringency.

The Ottawa Rabbis, therefore, have established the first thirty-nine days as our method of calculating the period. This follows the Sefardic practice, has the virtue of simplicity, and includes Holocaust Day within the period. The international celebration of Yom Ha'Atzmauth is the one exclusion.

Thirty-three days of semi-mourning are observed in remembrance of the scholars and soldiers who in the second century lost their lives in a plague trying to reestablish the Second Temple under Rabbi Akiba and Bar Kochba.

Signed questions to be answered in this column may be addressed to "Response", Ottawa Jewish Bulletin and Review, 151 Chapel Street. Rabbi Tanenbaum is a Conservative Rabbi at Agudath Israel Synagogue in Ottawa.

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The Eruv requires continuous maintenance and upkeep of more than \$300. per year, most of which goes towards the special communications equipment for the Eruv "hot line" which, through a recorded message, informs people on Friday as to whether the Eruv is intact and functional for the following Shabbat. It also provides candle lighting times, Shabbat ending information etc. The Eruv has provided a unique service to the Ottawa Jewish Community for the past 1½ years allowing many families to join together for Shabbat services.

The Eruv was established by those people committed to the need for an Eruv, and has been maintained by them through membership in the Ottawa Eruv Club. However, there are now not sufficient funds to allow the Eruv to continue to be maintained; if monies cannot be provided within a short space of time, the Eruv will cease to function. Membership in the Ottawa Eruv Club is a nominal \$10. and cheques should be sent to Ottawa Eruv Club, 2310 Virginia Drive, Ottawa K1H 6S2. It is imperative that the Eruv Club receive additional funding so that it can operate for the community-at-large.



## Israel-Canada Cordial Relations

Canadian Defence Minister Barney Danson who visited Israel last week, offers Shimon Peres a light during a meeting in Tel Aviv. Peres, who will lead the Labour Party in the May 17 election, has been put in charge of the Cabinet while Yitzhak Rabin goes on an extended vacation inside Israel while remaining Prime Minister in law and in fact.

Photograph courtesy Jerusalem Post

## SUMMER SCHEDULE

The Ottawa Jewish Bulletin & Review will continue to publish fortnightly up until and including the issue of Friday, July 1. The next issues will appear Friday, July 29 and Friday, August 19.

We will resume fortnightly publication on Friday, September 2.

Do you have any family photographs, scrapbooks, organizational minutes, Yiddish or Hebrew letters or manuscripts?

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## Children Revive Opera by Holocaust Victim



Dr. Gretl Fischer

A meeting was held recently in the Foyer of City Hall under the

### Brundibar Background

In the Western part of Czechoslovakia, in Bohemia, there is a town called Terezin, or its German name of Theresienstadt. In the Second World War, during the occupation, the Nazis evacuated the entire population of Terezin and the town was transformed into one huge concentration camp which was to house a large segment of European Jewry. Soon, the population swelled to over fifty thousand. Altogether, over one hundred and forty thousand people passed through the gates of the town. Thousands of them were children under fifteen years of age.

Terezin was a show place for representatives of the Red Cross who sometimes came to visit. For this reason, a certain amount of cultural activity was possible. Some musical instruments were available. Children produced drawings and wrote poems. In spite of all this, however, Terezin was a place of horror. Conditions were such that in about three years, over thirty-three thousand people died there. The physical deprivations were appalling, but worst of all, perhaps, was the constant fear of deportation, for Terezin was merely a station where people were being assembled before they were deported to the extermination camps. Over eighty-eight thousand were deported to the dreaded East.

Among the people who were brought to Terezin, there happened to be a man by the name of Hans Krasa. He was a composer from Prague, who, a few years before the war, had written a children's opera called Brundibar (Bumblebee). It is a simple children's story set in a fairy tale village, and it has a happy ending.

Between 1941 and 1944, the opera Brundibar was performed in Terezin over fifty times with the

patronage of His Worship Mayor Lorry Greenberg and His Worship Mayor Gilles Rocheleau.

At this time Dr. Gretl Fischer, Chairman of the Brundibar Committee, announced that the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews will sponsor the production of this children's opera, which was performed in the concentration camp of Terezin some 50 times during 1941-1944.

This will provide a unique opportunity for the children of our community to participate in a multicultural performance, tentatively scheduled to take place in the High School of Commerce in November, 1977.

composer conducting. The camp administration, of course, never became aware of the defiance that is implied in its little tale. Hundreds of children are said to have taken part. As wave after wave of children had to join the transports to the East, the cast changed constantly. Newcomers took the places of those who were sent away. Very few of the children who entered Terezin survived. Most of them died in the camps in the East and their fate was shared by the composer, Hans Krasa.

That human beings under such condition could remain artistically creative is surely one of the most inspiring and hopeful manifestations of the human spirit, and a knowledge of this should be kept alive in future generations. The history of Brundibar demonstrates with poignancy the essential nature of racial strife, no matter against whom it is directed.

During World War II, the opera was performed by victims of racial hatred amidst utmost misery. Today, it is to be performed again, but in a happy environment and by children of differing ethnic and religious backgrounds. Through their co-operation in the staging and publicising of Brundibar, they will be saying to the world that tomorrow shall be better than yesterday.

Watch for further details of the production of Brundibar in November, 1977, at the High School of Commerce under the auspices of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews.

Auditions for singing and acting roles of children between 9 and 17 years of age will be held on Tuesday, May 31 and Wednesday, June 1, between 4-5:30 p.m. and 7-8:30 p.m. (for both dates) in the Auditorium of the Jewish Community Centre. For information call Gretl Fischer at 731-9294.

### Hillel Lodge Women's Auxiliary

The Women's Auxiliary held a Purim Party after the Megilla for the residents, and they were all given shalach mones. A good time was had by everyone.

A birthday party is planned for the first week in May honouring those residents who have had a birthday in the past three months.

The plaque containing names of life members is now filled, and the Women's Auxiliary now have a new plaque with room for 140 names. We welcome your joining as a Life Member, the cost of which is \$100.00. For details please call Mrs. A. J. (Sadie) Silverman, 235-

2059.

The Auxiliary is very much in need of volunteers for various duties, one of which is to visit the residents. If you have some time to be of assistance, please call our Volunteer Chairman, Mrs. N. (Thelma) Steinman, 235-3645.

If you would like to make a contribution to the Auxiliary on any occasion, be it a happy or sad one, cards are mailed to the person on whose behalf the donation is made. For further information, please call Freda Carlofsky (233-8545) or Mrs. S. (Rose) Fine (729-5304).

## Talmud Torah Scholarships

Applications are invited from graduates of the Talmud Torah School system for the following:

1. Moses Loeb Memorial Scholarship.
2. Dina and Jacob Polowin Memorial Scholarship.
3. Abraham Shaffer Memorial Scholarship.

Awards of \$200 are to be granted to a boy or girl who wishes to further his or her education in an institute of higher Jewish learning outside Ottawa.

Requests for application forms should be sent to Awards Committee Chairman, Ottawa Talmud Torah Board, 453 Rideau Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1N 5Z3. No applications will be considered after May 20, 1977.

Letters of applications are also invited of graduates of the Afternoon High School who wish to travel to Israel this year. Awards of \$100 have been made possible through the following scholarships:

1. The Abe Cohen Memorial Travel Scholarship.
2. Mayer and Rose Landau Travel Scholarship.
3. Harold Rubin Memorial Travel Scholarship.
4. Sara Silverman Memorial Travel Scholarship.

### SHALOM-OTTAWA SPECIAL on Jerusalem Day Yom Yerushalayim

Tuesday, May 17  
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Sunday, May 22  
East and West



On April 12, Israel issued a new coin to commemorate its 25th Anniversary. It highlights the theme: Brotherhood in Jerusalem, Capital of Israel. Jerusalem the Holy City to three faiths: Judaism, Christianity and Islam. The words "Brotherhood in Jerusalem, Capital of Israel" are inscribed in Hebrew and English around the rim.

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## Praise 25 Years Service of Cantor Aptowitz

Twenty-five years of service at Agudath Israel Synagogue by Cantor David Aptowitz were marked in special festivities by the congregation, Saturday, April 23. Celebrating with him were friends and associates from throughout Ottawa.

The Cantor is the community mobil and serves actively on the Holocaust Committee of the Vaad. It was clear, by the outpouring of people and the warmth of the event, that the Cantor has, through close association, and intimate contact with each and every member in his congregation, helped to establish what is proudly known as the "Agudath Israel Family."

Cantor Aptowitz was born in Poland. He came to Montreal in 1948, and studied Torah, music, and hazzanuth at the United Hebrew Teachers Seminary, and Merkaz Ha'Torah. He has also studied at Ottawa University and in 1960 he was commissioned by the Cantor's Assembly.

Soon after arriving in Canada, he came to Ottawa and Agudath Israel on Rosemount. The Congregation then had a membership of approximately 130 families. During the past twenty-five years, they moved to their present location and have grown to over 450 families. There have been 571 Bar and Bat Mitzvah ceremonies. Last year the Cantor officiated at a wedding for the daughter of a couple that he had married 24 years earlier. Throughout all this time, the Cantor has taken an enthusiastic and active part in the development

of the Congregation, and in the lives of its members.

Cantor Aptowitz was presented by President Joe Lief with a set of Encyclopedia Judaica and an Israel Bond in honour of the occasion which was also Israel Independence Day Sabbath at the Synagogue. A special gift from members of the U.S.Y., the Cantor's most recent graduates, was presented by Susan Gara. In his tribute, Rabbi Tanenbaum spoke of the "good eye" which characterizes the Cantor's association with the community.

During the festivities, it was pointed out that the fruits of the Cantor's labours were clearly visible in the number of teenagers reading Torah, and in the active congregational singing.

A gala kiddush in honour of the Cantor, prepared personally by members of the Sisterhood under President Sandra Levinson, climaxed the morning.

Cantor Aptowitz and his wife Gitta are the proud parents of three fine children — Pearl, married to Zvi Gross, Eddie now studying in Israel, and Emanuel now attending yeshivah in Toronto. They have two grandchildren Gideon and Jonathan.

The entire community salutes Cantor Aptowitz and his family, and wishes them many healthy, happy years among us in the future.

It should be added in postscript, that when interviewed, most people thought that the Cantor's maftir was done well.

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This year there will be three performance times: 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. It will be held at Sir Robert Borden High School, 131 Greenbank Road. The admission is \$2.25 for the main floor, \$1.75 in the balcony.

Tickets are available exclusively at Toy World.

## Machzikei Hadas Marks Yom Yerushuliyim May 15

On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem, Congregation Machzikei Hadas will hold a Community Breakfast on Sunday, May 15, at the shul 2310 Virginia Drive.

The guest speaker will be Ambassador Mordechai Shalev, Ambassador of Israel to Canada.

Services commence at 9:00 a.m. and the breakfast follows.

Everyone in the community is invited to join with the congregation in celebration of Yom Yerushuliyim which falls on May 15. For information contact the shul office at 521-9700.

## Mazel Tov

Congratulations are extended to: Jack N. Lightstone, husband of Beverley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Lightstone, on the completion of his doctorate in Religious Studies at Brown University, Rhode Island. Dr. Lightstone is Assistant Professor of Religion at Concordia University, Montreal.

## ORT Meets Wed., May 11

The Kadimah Chapter of Ottawa Women's Ort will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, May 11 at 7:45 at the home of Maxine Gilbert. For information call 225-4832.

## May Meeting for Degania

Pioneer Women-Na'amat, Degania Group, will meet on Sunday, May 15 at 1:00 p.m., at the home of Mrs. L. Wiseman, 48-450 Daly Avenue.

## Sisterhood Luncheon Guest Controversial M.L.A. Holt



Simma Holt

Simma Holt, Liberal M.L.A. for Vancouver-Kingsway, is to be the Guest Speaker at the coming Machzikei Hadas Sisterhood Luncheon Meeting to be held in the Social Hall of the Shul on Tuesday, May 10.

A Member of Parliament since 1974, Simma Holt has long been known for her commitment to social reform and for her distinguished journalism, particularly in the area of prison reform across

Canada. She has been winner and runner-up 10 times for the top award for women writers in Canada for both features and news, - the Memorial Award given by the Canadian Women's Press Club.

In Parliament, Ms. Holt has served on the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs since her arrival in Ottawa, along with several other sub-committees focusing on housing, penitentiary violence and other sociological matters of particular concern to her.

In 1976 she and her husband went to Israel where she researched terror and violence and the conditions in Israel's prisons for use in her writings back in Canada.

The Luncheon will commence at 12:30 p.m. All women in the community are invited to attend and hear Simma Holt. Her topic is "Canada's Psyche as Seen in the Party Caucus". The cost for the Luncheon is \$4.00 per person. Babysitting is available. For reservations call Carol Sprio at 737-5581 or Pauline Brozofsky at 521-7048.

## Temple Israel Initiates Wine and Cheese Festival

Temple Israel is holding its First Annual Wine and Cheese Festival on Saturday, May 14, at 8:30 p.m., at the Temple, 1301 Prince of Wales Drive. There will be dancing along with the large assortment of wines and cheeses from around the world.

The \$5.00 per person admission

includes all the wine you can drink and all the cheese you can eat.

To obtain tickets please call the Temple at 224-1802, Bob Dale at 226-3107, or Ken Pickar at 592-5770. Everyone in the community is welcome to attend an informal, social evening.

## Large Turnout Honours Holocaust Victims' Memory

The Ottawa Jewish Community marked its annual observance of Holocaust Memorial Day on Sunday, April 17, at the Young Israel Congregation.

The program included a candlelighting ceremony in memory of the six million martyrs, presentations in Yiddish, English and Hebrew by students from the Jewish school system and dramatic readings by university students.

Other participants included, His

Excellency Mordechai Shalev, Ambassador of Israel to Canada, David Loeb, President, Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir, Rabbi Mordechai Berger, Cantor Moshe Kraus and Hugo Levendel, Co-Chairman.

The event planned by the Holocaust Memorial Committee under Co-Chairmen, Messrs. Hugo Levendel and Peter Perel was attended by over 300 people. Other Holocaust programs during that week were specifically planned for youngsters, teens and Holocaust survivors.

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